



KEY SCRIPTURE

Acts 19:13-16 “Then some of the itinerant Jewish exorcists undertook to invoke the name of the Lord Jesus over those who had evil spirits, saying, “I adjure you by the Jesus whom Paul proclaims.” Seven sons of a Jewish high priest named Sceva were doing this. But the evil spirit answered them, “Jesus I know, and Paul I recognize, but who are you?” And the man in whom was the evil spirit leaped on them, mastered all of them and overpowered them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded.”

TAKEAWAYS

Authority in Christ flows from submission to Christ.

You can't have public victory with private compromise.

To resist the enemy in an area, you must first be submitted to God in that area.

QUESTIONS

1. ***The sons of Sceva tried to use the name of Jesus without being submitted to Him.*** Are there areas of your life where you're trying to have authority without true surrender? What would submission actually look like there?
2. ***We can't have public victory with private compromise.*** Why does what happens in your private life matter so much? How does it affect your spiritual authority?
3. ***Coming under authority often feels like losing control, not gaining strength.*** Why do you think submission to God can feel counterintuitive? What makes it difficult to trust that it actually leads to strength?

ACTION STEPS

This week, identify one area of your life that isn't fully submitted to God:

- ***Ask God to reveal it honestly***
- ***Find a scripture that speaks to that area***
- ***Take one clear step of obedience to bring it under His authority***